

## Sites Reservoir Project Monthly Status Report

Report Period: February 2023

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### Monthly Status Summary:

The development of the Sites Project continues to make progress in the critical areas, including the following activities:

#### Engineering:

- Continue development of Work Package 1 geotechnical data reports.
- Continued coordination efforts and began Work Package 2 geotechnical investigation activities.
- Ongoing engagement and coordination with DSOD.
- Continued advancement of preliminary design for roads and reservoir facilities.
- Completed preparation of NOI to Construct Qualifying Conduit Hydropower Facility and submitted to FERC for determination.

#### Coordination with Reclamation:

- Meetings with Reclamation and DWR regarding the Operations Coordination Agreement.
- Ongoing biweekly NEPA coordination meetings, focusing on the development of the Final EIR/EIS and review by federal cooperating agencies and Reclamation.

#### Environmental Planning and Permitting:

- Ongoing concurrent review of the Administrative Final EIR/EIS by Reclamation and Authority staff and legal counsel starting February 1, 2023, anticipated to be completed by the end of March.
- Ongoing coordination with the State CEQA Responsible Agencies on review of the Administrative Final EIR/EIS, anticipated to be completed by the end of March.
- Ongoing AB52 consultation, including monthly meeting with the Yocha Dehe Tribe.
- Ongoing coordination with the Communication Team on the approaching release of the Final EIR/EIS.
- Continued development of the Master Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement, admin draft Reservoir Management Plan, Clean Water Act 404/401 permit applications, construction schedule, draft Reservoir Management Plan, and draft Aquatic Study Plan.
- Continued coordination with CDFW on construction and operations ITP applications.

- Continued development of the Proposition 1 Adaptive Management Plans for WSIP ecosystem, recreation and flood benefits.
- Continued development of the Biological Assessment including technical discussions with Reclamation, NMFS, and USFWS.
- Facilitated water right permitting meeting for interested NGOs.

**Operations:**

- Continued Daily Operations Model development.

**Stakeholder Engagement, Public Outreach & Real Estate:**

- Facilitated a Legislative & Outreach Committee meeting. Topics included 2023 federal and state legislative priorities, and 2023 communications priorities and budgets.
- Ongoing work to finalize the 2022 Annual Report
- Planning for Federal & State Legislative Days planned for March and April
- Updating of project's message platform and updating project materials with updated messaging
- Planning for communications associated with the roll-out of the final EIR/EIS and the Water Right process.
- Ongoing coordination with landowners to discuss TROE for geotechnical, biological, environmental, and cultural field activities and other real estate actions.

**Program Management & Administration:**

- Ongoing coordination with Prop 1 Roundtable and State agencies for Prop 1 Funding Agreement/Public Benefits Agreements/Adaptive Management Plans.
- Coordinated with State agencies on schedule for coordination activities with State and Federal agencies related to the State Strike Team activities.